Gary, Tim

From: Karen G [wenabozho@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2008 10:27 AM

To: Gary, Tim

Subject: RE: gold star plates

Sorry i was planning on being there to today but came down with the flu

I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the representives and senators that sponsored this bill

Assembly bill 680 means alot to the gold star faimiles theese plates are a way for us to show our pride in our solidor and to honor them they are a memioral to them.

when when i applied for my plates to honor my son I found it would cost me 70 dollars a year (more now) honor my son but if I were putting collector plates or hobbie plates I would only pay once and never have to renew them again. That is when I contacted Reresentavie ffiske and asked if we could some how get the gold star plates that way I feel we have given the state of Wisconsin more then enough to allow for this.

When I started this it was for the gold star faimly and when I got the Email telling me about this hearing it said for spouses and parents I then saw why i was amazed at how many people can get these plates I was under the understanding that these plates were for gold star families which under public law 534 of the 89th congress is widows parents and next of kin which decibed as widow includes widower the term parents includes mother father, stepmother, stepfather, mother threw adoption, father threw adoption, and foster parents who stood in locoparentis, the term next of kin includesonly childern, brothers sisters, half borthers and half sisters and the trem children includes stepchildern and childern through adoption. These are the only peole who can wear the gold star lapel pin and these are the ones I feel should be able to benfit from assembly bill 680 their lose is the same as the spouse and the parents.

Again thank you so much for this bill.

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"Gary, Tim" < Tim. Gary@legis.wisconsin.gov> wrote:

Karen,

Next Thursday, January 31st, the Assembly Committee on Transportation will hold a public hearing on AB 680, providing an exemption from renewal fees for Gold Star parents and spouses.